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*522Q: BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon.the Minister for Public Health be pleased state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that she (the then Minister) stated in her Radio talk on 24th February 1947 that there is no proposal to convert the present School of Indian Medicine into a College, and

(b) whether it is a fact that the recommendation of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee wherein the Hon.Minister hereself presided on 21st June 1946 was to convert the present School of Indian Medicine into a College?

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:-"(a) The Government have sanctioned, the opening of a College of Indian Medicine at Madras. 'Fresh admissions to the existing School of Indian Medicine will be discontinued from July 1947. Arrangements will, however, be made for the continuance of the studies of the students who have already been admitted into the school. After these students complete their courses, the School will be abolished. The Radio talk was to this effect.

"(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:- "May I ask whether it is not a fact that the former Minister of Public Health stated in her Radio talk as follows:- 'There is no such proposal to convert the present School of Indian Medicine into a College. According to the scheme drawn up by the Ad Hoc Committee, A College will be started' in Madras whereas as a matter of fact the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee refered to ran as follows: 'The present School of Indian Medicine is to beraised to the status of a College on the same footing and status now enjoyed by the Medical Colleges teaching Modern Systems of Medicine. Is the proposal of the ex-Minister the same as the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee?"

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:- The Ad Hoc Committee was presided over by the ex-Minister hereself".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"May I know whether it is not a fact that the former Premier of Madras, Sri T.Prakasam in his Budget speech stated that the existing School of Indian Medicine would be converted into a College, whereas the former Minister of Public Health passed a Government Order to the effect that the existing School would be abolished and a new College would be established in July next?".

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:- "The proposal is to convert the present School into a College".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"May I know whether it is the intention of the present Government to raise the existing School into a College or to abolish the School altogether and establish a new College?".

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:- "the difference is only a matter of words. Students will be admitted to the College next year from July next onwards. There is no proposal to continue the Medical School after the present students complete their courses. The School will be continued for four years".

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- "In that case, will all the students of the Medical School who will be there at the time of the abolition of that School, be admitted into the new College as a matter of course?"

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:-"It is not proposed to abolish the School straightway; the classes will be abolished one by one and the final year class will close when the present students complete their course".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:-"May I know whether it will not lead to

great deal of duplication of work and expenditure by running the College and School separately instead of converting the existing School into a College as was done in the case of the Stanley Medical College, Madras, Veterniary College and of the different L.M.P.School at Vellore? Is the College to be located in a different building and will the students who have already joined the School pursue their studies in the existing building until they complete their courses?".

MR.SPEAKER:- "As the Hon.Minister took office only a few days ago, the Hon.Member may put a separate question; it will be brought before the House on the 17th".

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:- "The Hon.Minister is an old Member of this House who knows all these things".

MR.SPEAKER:- "If he is prepared to answer the question, I have no objection. It is better in the interest of all concerned, if a separate question is put; I shall bring it up on the 17th What has the Hon.Minister to say?".

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:"I do not understand what the difficulty of the Hon.Lady Member is".

MR.SPEAKER:- "I shall allow her to pur her supplementary question. The Hon.Minister is prepared to answer the question".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:- "May I know whether the same procedure will be adopted with reference to this College as was adopted in the case of the Stanley Medical School and the Madras Veterinary School which were raised to the status of Colleges?".

THE HON.SRI A.B.SHETTY:- "I do not know what procedure was adopted with reference to the Stanley Medical College".

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:- "The Hon.Minister can find that out and answer my question".

MR.SPEAKER:- " If a short-notice question is given, I shall bring it up before the House on the 17th. We have got a number of days before us. Supplementary questions may be put then.".

Please see the printed answer at page 2 and 3 above.With reference to 'A' above, it is submitted that Orders have been issued in G.O.No.1744 Public Health dated 20-5-47 converting the existing School of Indian Medicine into a college. No further action seems necessary. The papers may be recorded.

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